

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

The Title is objected to for not being descriptive.

Claims 7-10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 06-230617A to *Yatabe*.

Claims 11 and 13-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-6 and 17 are allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants cancel without prejudice or disclaimer claims 7 and 10, amend claims 5 and 6 to correct minor grammatical errors, and amend claims 8 and 9 to correct dependency.

Applicants rewrite claims 11 and 13 in independent form to remove the objection to claims 11 and 13-16. The Title is amended as suggested in the Office Action. The Examiner is thanked for the allowance of claims 1-6 and 17. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 8-9, and 11-17 are pending for further consideration.

Objection to the Title

The title was objected to for not being descriptive of the invention. Applicants propose submitting a new title as suggested in the Office Action, as shown above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the title.

All Claims are Allowable

Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 8, 9, and 11-16. Claims 11 and 13 were rewritten in independent form and are allowable as indicated in the Office Action. Claims

8 and 9 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 11, and claim 12 depends from allowable claim 11. Further, claims 14-16, which depend from newly amended claim 13, are also allowable as indicated in the Office Action. Claims 1-6 and 17 are allowed as indicated.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the Response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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